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(b) if so, whether this Government suggested or will suggest any name to represent this State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) Does not arise."

High Power Handloom Committee.

* 1578 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the High Power Committee is functioning now; and

(b) how many times it met in 1954?

THE HON .SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) It has not met so far after its reconstitution."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the peculiar conditions prevailing in the handloom industry in Malabar, will the Government be pleased to take the representative of the Handloom Workers' Union in Malabar on this committee? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall consider that."

Compensation to villagers of Mudiyur due to Arniyar Project.

* 1579 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri M. Dharmalingam is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received from the Rehabilitation Committee constituted in the Mudiyur village, which is to be submerged in the Arniyar Project, requesting the Government to make special arrangement to rehabilitate them and pay them proper compensation; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The Collector of Chingleput is examining the requests in consultation with the several Departmental Heads in the district. As regards the payment of compensation, the Collector is taking effective steps to push through the work as expeditiously as possible."

Indian Science Congress.

* 1580 Q.—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of officers of the Agricultural Department engaged in Scientific Researches deputed to attend the Indian Science Congress during the years 1952–53, 1954 and 1955;

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(*b*) the number among these so deputed who actually attended the meeting during these years; and

(*c*) the number of research and other scientific papers contributed by the various officers of the Department to the Indian Science Congress during each of the above years?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Two Officers of the Agricultural Department engaged in scientific research were permitted to attend at their own cost the Indian Science Congress Session held in 1952. No Agricultural Research Officer was permitted to attend the Indian Science Congress Sessions held during 1953, 1954 and 1955. In 1952 and 1955, the Headquarters Deputy Director of Agriculture (Engineering), who is a member of the Indian Science Congress was given permission to attend at his own cost the meetings of the Congress.

" (*b*) None of these officers attended the meetings which they were deputed to attend.

" (*c*) Three."

Madras, Cuddalore and Nagapattinam Ports.

* 1581 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any information about the probable date of starting the work to improve and to extend the Madras Port;

(*b*) whether there is any scheme to improve cargo traffic and to construct cargo traffic boats at Cuddalore and Nagapattinam; and

(*c*) the steps taken to improve the passenger traffic at Nagapattinam Port?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Some of the works relating to the improvement of the Madras Port are either under execution or nearing completion. Some other major improvement works are scheduled to begin in the next three or four months. Works under the port extension scheme are expected to start in about 18 months.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The existing facilities at the ports being considered more than sufficient to cope with the available trade, there is no proposal to take up any special scheme to improve the cargo and passenger traffic at the ports, except carrying out certain Port Development Works.

As regards cargo boats, Government have no proposal to construct them. All cargo boats at ports in the State are privately owned and their number is considered sufficient."